

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. B-4303

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Building No. 305

and/or common U.S. Army Crime Records Center

2. Location

street & number 2301 Cheasapeake Avenue: Building No. 305 not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county City of Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Defense; U.S. Army

street & number Attn: AFKA-21-EH-D telephone no.: 301-677-2180

city, town Fort Meade state and zip code Md. 20755-5115

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number NOT APPLICABLE folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Architectural & Archaeological Investigations-Base Closure Activity

date May 18, 1990 federal state county local

depository for survey records U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

city, town Baltimore District state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This building is presently occupied by the United States Army Crime Records Center. The building is in fair condition. The building was originally erected as a storage warehouse in September 1942 at a cost of \$54,810. In 1966 the building was converted to general classrooms and in the 1970's the Crime Records Center occupied the building. The structure is a large one story, rectangular plan building measuring 240 feet by 76 feet. The building has a concrete foundation and a poured concrete floor covered with vinyl tile. The structural system consists of regularly spaced wood columns and beams supporting a connected wood truss roof system at the building's perimeter. The trusses form a clear span across the 76 foot dimension. The roof is a shallow pitched gable. The exterior is covered with corrugated metal siding which covers all of the original window openings. Access to the building is by means of a single doorway located in the south gable wall. The building is a restricted facility and examination of the interior was limited to the central hallway which extends the length of the building. Set to either side are a number of small rooms and work areas accessed from the central hall. The original interior space was a open clear span.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates September 1942 Builder/Architect Corps of Engineerscheck: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Building No.305, is an example of standardized military construction, designed to meet the mobilization needs of the country.

The Corps of Engineers, with the aid of nationally recognized architectural firms, had begun developing new standardized construction plans which would allow the military to reproduce similar buildings throughout the country. A standardized system of construction had been successfully applied during the building of cantonments during the First World War. So successful had the system proven that in the decades between the wars the Quartermaster Corps had continued to develop, maintain, and update sets of standard drawings which could be brought in to use as the need arose. Standardization was also critical in the materials battle, for lumber could be pre-cut, reducing waste, hardware could be assembled and the building could be shipped to the site ready for construction. The construction process would be expedited and would require less skilled labor.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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National Archives Record Group 77, Office of Chief Engineers
National Archives Record Group 92, Office of Quartermaster General
Real Property Records, Fort Holabird, Maryland (On file DEH, Ft. Meade, Md)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property SevenQuadrangle name Baltimore, EastQuadrangle scale 1:24000 ft.

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Building is located at the confluence of Colgate Creek and the Patapoco River, adjacent to the City of Baltimore and Baltimore County line.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Block 6923 Lot 011
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.

